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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ICRC ON AMERICAN IMPRISONED IN ANGOLA

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1. REFTEL PROVIDES BASIC INFORMATION ON STATUS OF MARION MILLER, AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY IMPRISONED IN ANGOLA. AS CABLE NOTES, MILLER'S FAMILY AND CHURCH HAVE REQUESTED THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO ASK THE ICRC TO VERIFY THE CONDITIONS OF HIS CONFINEMENT.

2. US MISSION SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE ICRC OFFICIALS. MISSION SHOULD ASSURE ICRC THAT THE 60 YEAR OLD MILLER IS AN AMERICAN PROTESTANT MISSIONARY WITH NO CONNECTION WITH THE USG AND CERTAINLY IS NOT A MERCENARY. YOU SHOULD URGE THE ICRC TO TRY TO VISIT HIM AND TO LOOK INTO THE CONDITIONS OF HIS IMPRISONMENT AS
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WELL AS TO UNDERTAKE WHATEVER OTHER HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS

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THEY WOULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
IN THIS REGARD, YOU SHOULD ASK IF THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO
DELIVER LETTERS OR PACKAGES FROM THE FAMILY.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ICRC'S RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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